

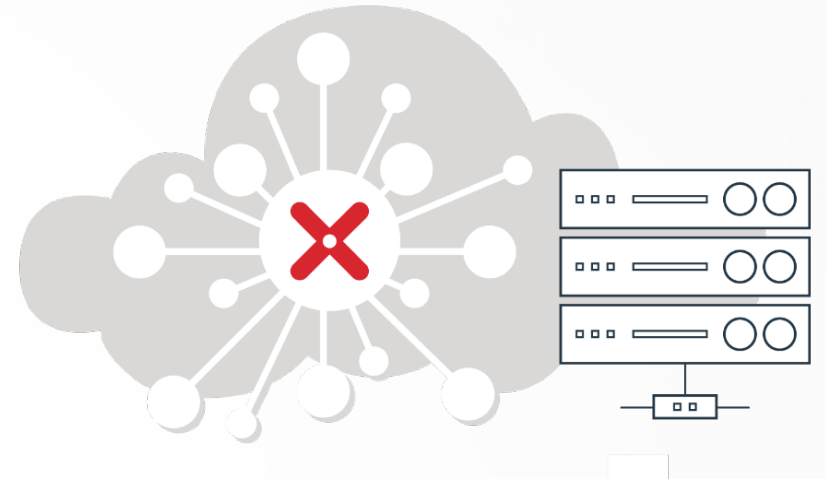
# DON'T BE LEFT IN THE DARK

**KEEPING 9-1-1 GOING WITH DISASTER  
RECOVERY, RESILIENCY, AND ANALYTICS**

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# TODAY'S AGENDA

- Discuss the different kinds of disruptions that can impact optimal (and even normal) PSAP operations
- Describe how the cloud can improve resiliency
- Share lessons learned from agencies that have prepared for disruptions and have overcome them using cloud technology
- Talk about what's next – some future capabilities that will help even more
- Discuss how Analytics is critical to keeping PSAP operations running smoothly





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# Different kinds of disruptions

Wait, there's more than just 9-1-1  
outages?

# EXAMPLES OF DISRUPTIONS

## INTERNAL RISKS

### PREVENTABLE

- 9-1-1 service outages such as a fiber cut
- Issues with an individual carrier
- Issues with 9-1-1 service provider (or one of their subsystems)
- PSAP software application crashes and/or bugs
- Planned software upgrades
- Infrastructure (hardware) maintenance
- Security failures – hacking, malware, ransomware, and even physical intrusion

## EXTERNAL RISKS

### NON-PREVENTABLE

- Unexpected staffing shortfalls (for example, due to illness like COVID-19)
- Too many calls for staff to answer (call overflow)
- Natural disasters such as fires, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes
- Man-made disasters such as acts of terrorism

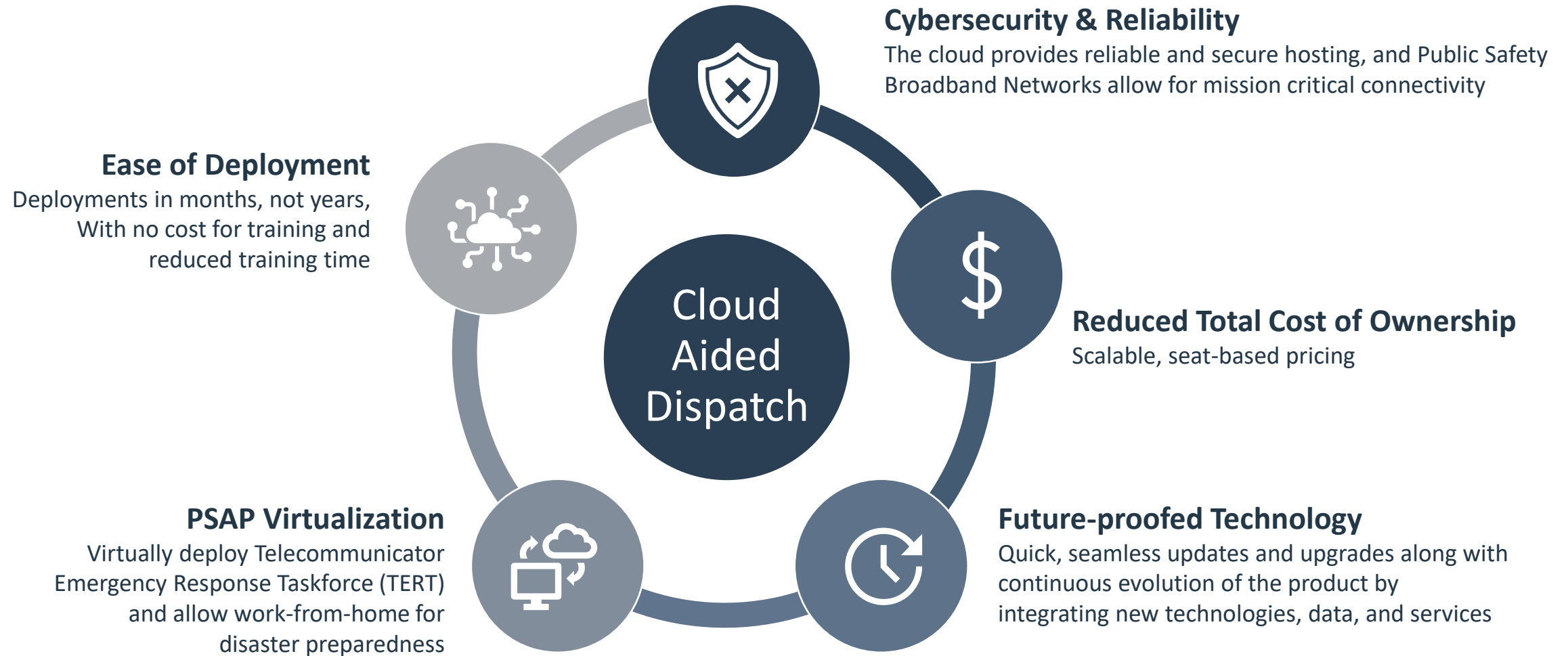




# How the cloud can help

Increase your PSAP's resiliency  
through modern technology.

# MAKE THE CLOUD YOUR CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN



# CONTROL VERSUS RESPONSIBILITY

The balance of control and responsibility depends on the category of the service

## SaaS: READY TO USE

- Use immediately with minimal configuration

## PaaS: SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

- Existing services are a starting point, with additional configuration for a custom fit

## IaaS: FOUNDATION TO BUILD ON

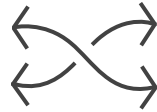
- Building blocks, create your own solution or apps from scratch

Responsibility	On-Prem	IaaS	PaaS	SaaS
Applications	Customer	Customer	Customer	Platform Provider
Data	Customer	Customer	Customer	Platform Provider
Runtime	Customer	Customer	Platform Provider	Platform Provider
Middleware	Customer	Customer	Platform Provider	Platform Provider
O/S	Customer	Customer	Platform Provider	Platform Provider
Virtualization	Customer	Platform Provider	Platform Provider	Platform Provider
Servers	Customer	Platform Provider	Platform Provider	Platform Provider
Storage	Customer	Platform Provider	Platform Provider	Platform Provider
Networking	Customer	Platform Provider	Platform Provider	Platform Provider

# AN EXAMPLE: MICROSOFT AZURE



Productive



Hybrid



Intelligent



Trusted

## Azure Government

Physically separated  
instance of Microsoft  
Azure



The only  
hyper-scale cloud  
built **specifically** for  
U.S. government



Meets the  
most complex  
compliance standards



Designed to **exceed**  
U.S. government  
requirements



Supports the **broadest**  
**selection of services**,  
tools, and languages





# THE CLOUD-NATIVE ADVANTAGE

## RESILIENT SERVICES

- Cloud offers capabilities for high availability, disaster recovery and back-up

## RESILIENT FOUNDATION

- Cloud-native systems build cloud capabilities into the platform itself – the foundation, in addition to the cloud, is designed, operated and monitored to ensure availability

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# Lessons learned

Hear real-life accounts of agencies using cloud computing to keep their operations running.

# RESILIENCY AND REDUNDANCY DURING OUTAGES

## Challenge 1

### Dialing 9-1-1

When the network goes down, callers may receive a fast busy when dialing 9-1-1.

How will you know that a call was made?

Smartphones can transmit supplemental location data using Google ELS and Apple EED.

## Solution

The attempt to make an emergency call is known at the PSAP, and the agency can take steps to respond, such as using Text From 911 to communicate with the caller.

# RESILIENCY AND REDUNDANCY DURING OUTAGES

## Challenge 2

### Answering the 9-1-1 Call

When the network goes down, calls may be routed to other PSAPs.

How will you know a call was made?

How will the other agency have access to critical location and additional data?

## Solution

When widely deployed, cloud-hosted systems can provide location information, maps, and additional data well beyond PSAP borders *and* show which PSAPs have answered misrouted calls.



# RESILIENCY AND REDUNDANCY DURING OUTAGES

## Challenge 3

### Dispatching a Response to the 9-1-1 Call

Backup PSAPs don't have access to unit status and availability, response plans, and additional data from the agency that normally handles those calls.

The backup PSAP typically relies on telephone and LMR to communicate with responders and the agencies.

Couldn't that be improved?

## Solution

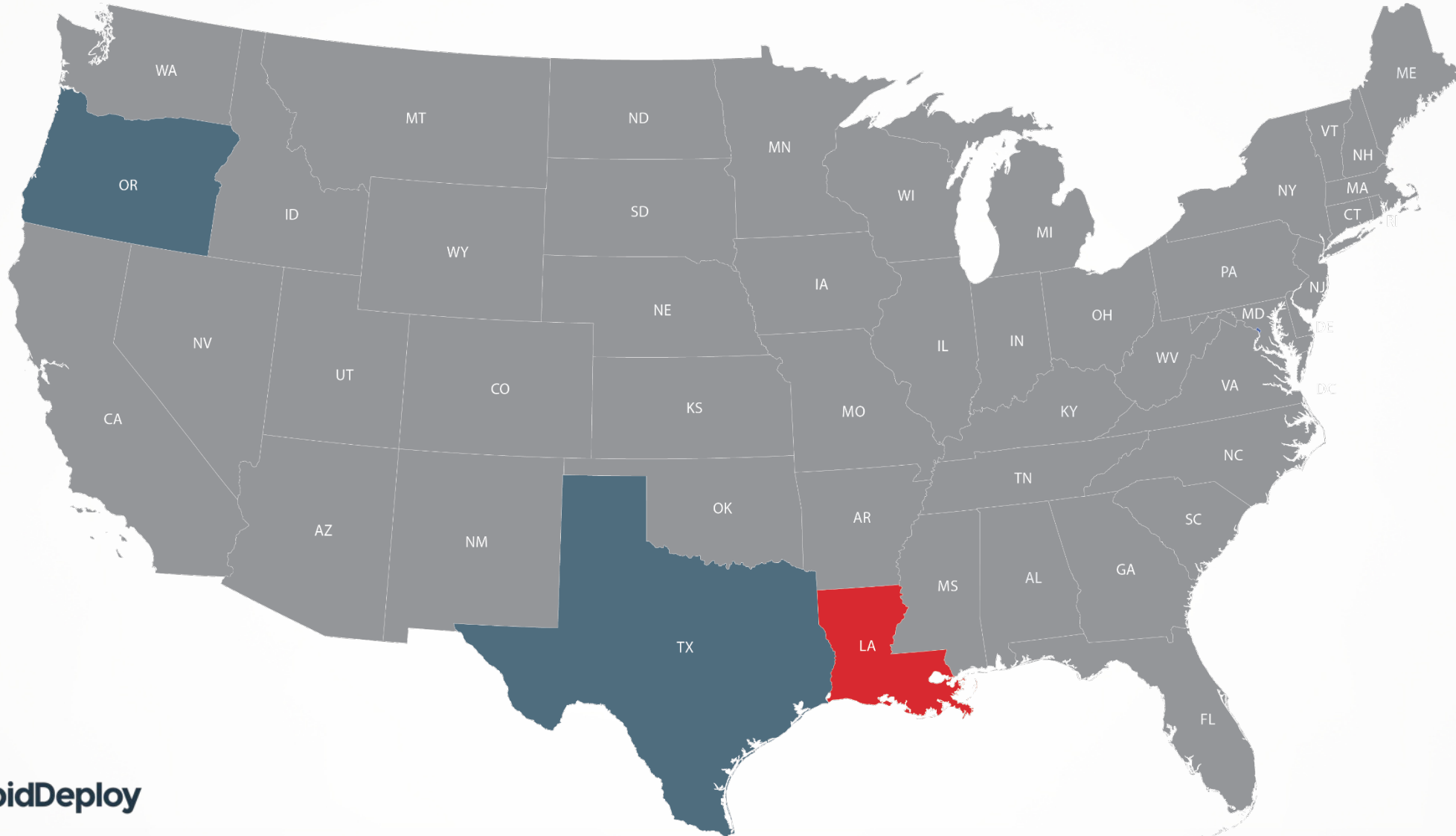
For robust resilient end-to-end workflows across jurisdictional boundaries, a regional or statewide disaster recovery CAD solution connects agencies together.



# The future

What advancements are on the horizon that will help even more?

# IMPROVING RESILIENCY WITH NG9-1-1



# NG9-1-1 AS A FOUNDATION

An architecture that facilitates recovery, resiliency, and interoperability, that evolves as technology advances.

GIS Data Exchange



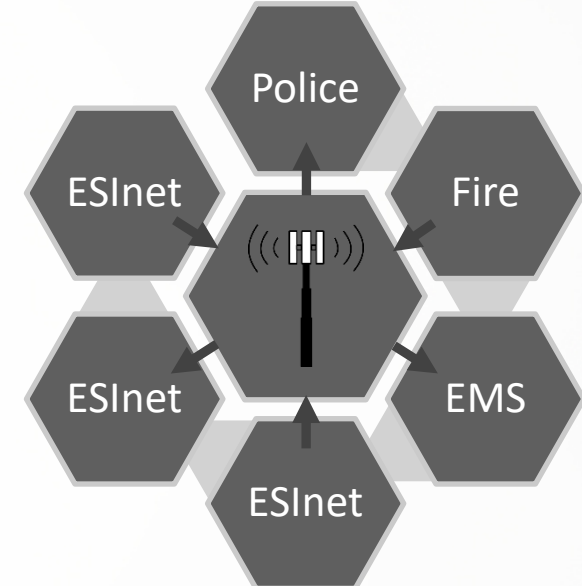
*GIS Provisioned Using the SI*

Call and Incident Data Exchange



*EIDO and the IDX*

PSBN and ESInet Interconnection



*IP Between Networks*





# Analytics

How can insights, driven by data,  
keep the PSAP running smoothly?

# ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS FOR MORE EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

## Monitoring & Alerting



Identify data interruptions and uncontrolled situations as they happen. Trunk outages, spikes in call volume, and deterioration in answer time performance.

## Empowered Leaders



Empowerment begins with insightful, actionable data that is scalable and flexible from your frontline to your leadership.

## Staffing Analytics



Visualize volume trends and optimize staffing levels. Reduce telecommunicator burnout by anticipating demand. Understanding of call volume variations and changes to answer time goals.

## Settings & Historical Values

Call Takers

Service Level

Target Service Level

90.00%



Available Call Takers

2



Answer Time Goal (s)

10



Target Call Taker Processing Time (s)

181



Volume Adjustment %

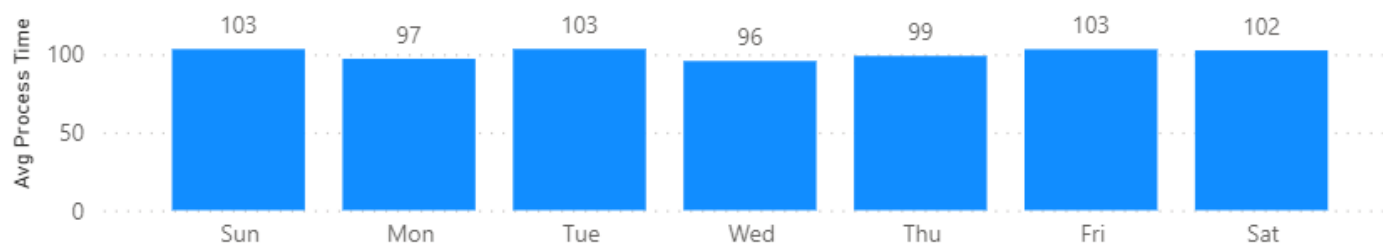
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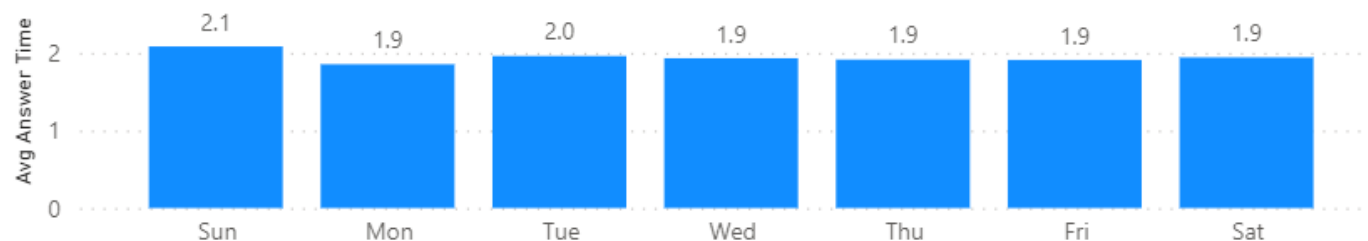
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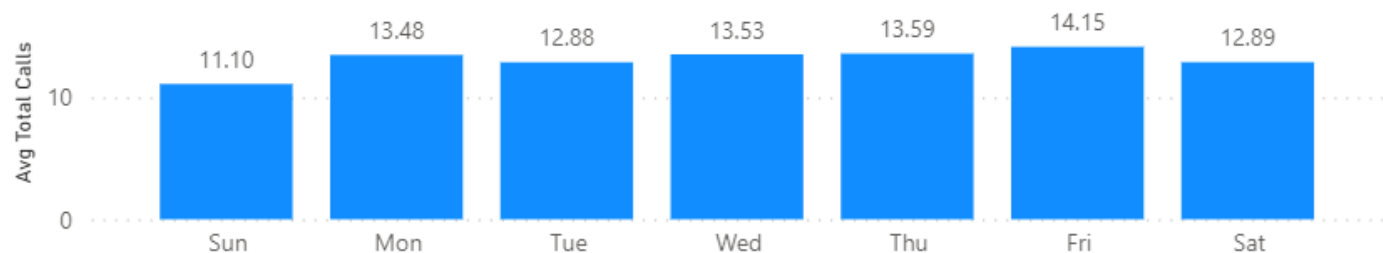
### Avg Process Time by Day



### Avg Answer Time by Day



### Avg Total Calls by Day



# 13.09

Avg Calls per Hour

Date Range

5/30/2019 8/29/2020



Relative Date Range

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PSAP

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Call Type

All

# Staffing Module - Service Level View

Call Takers

Settings

2

Available Call Takers

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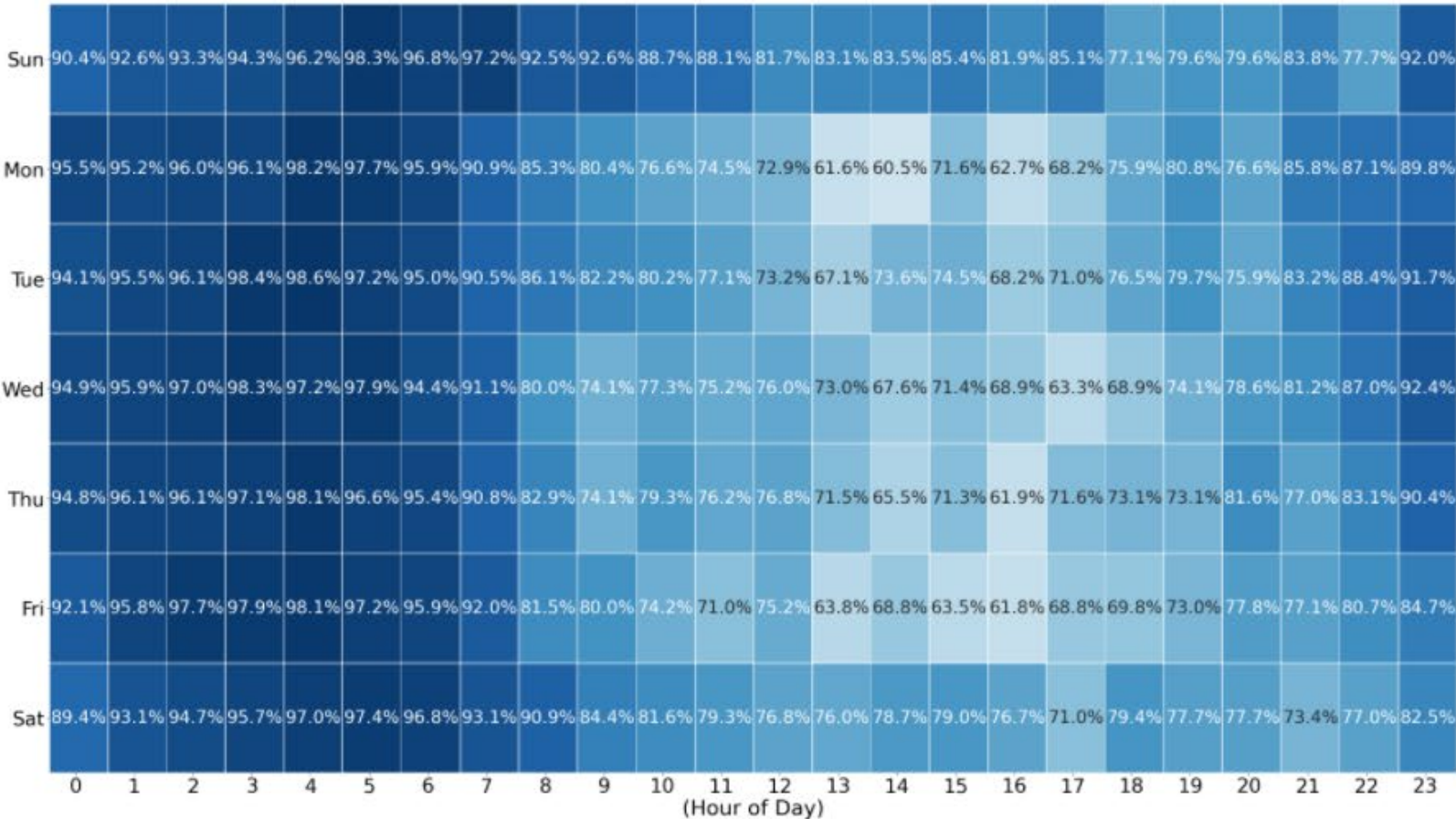
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Target Call Taker Processing Time (s)

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Volume Adjustment





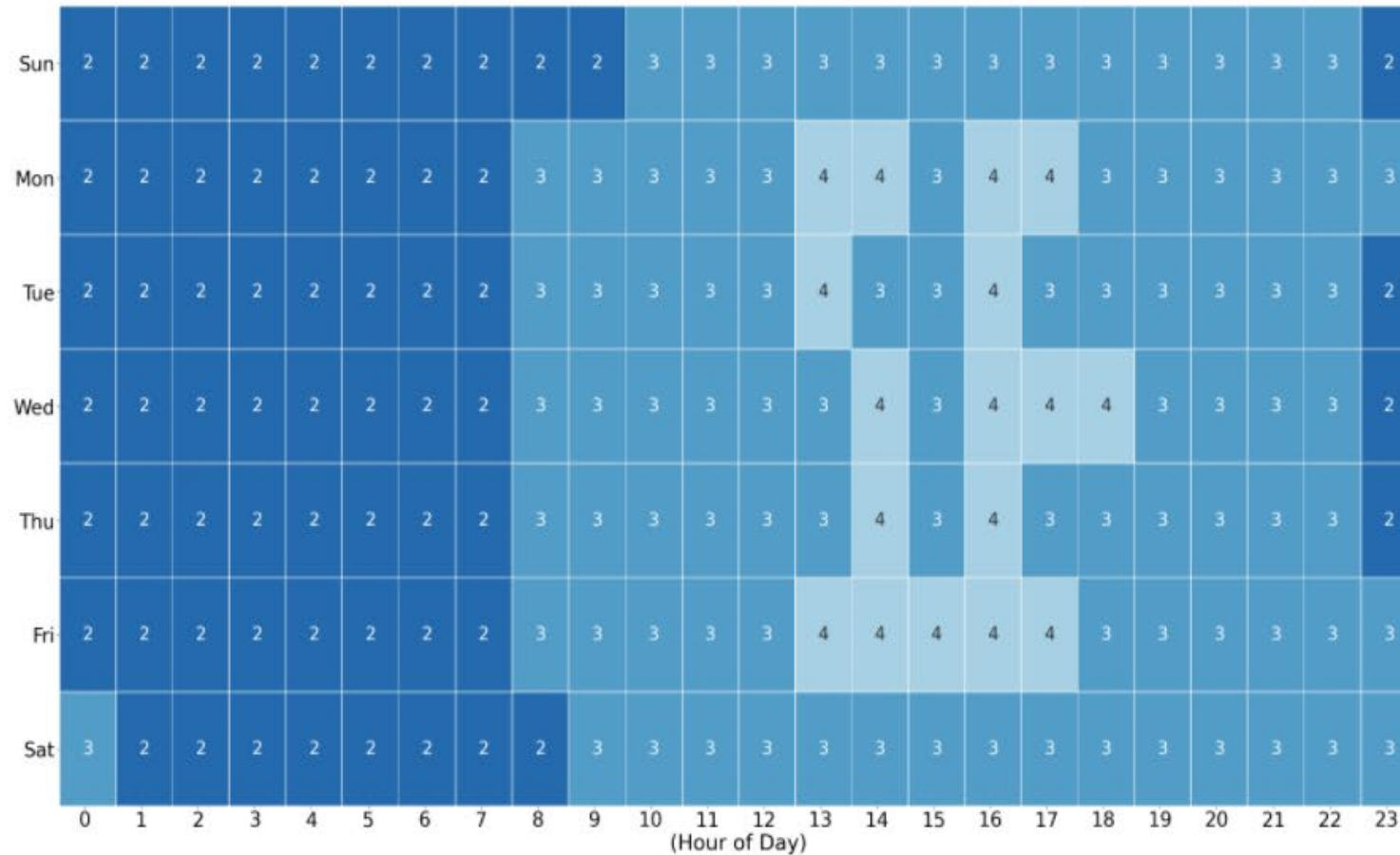
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Target Service Level

Target Answer Time (s)

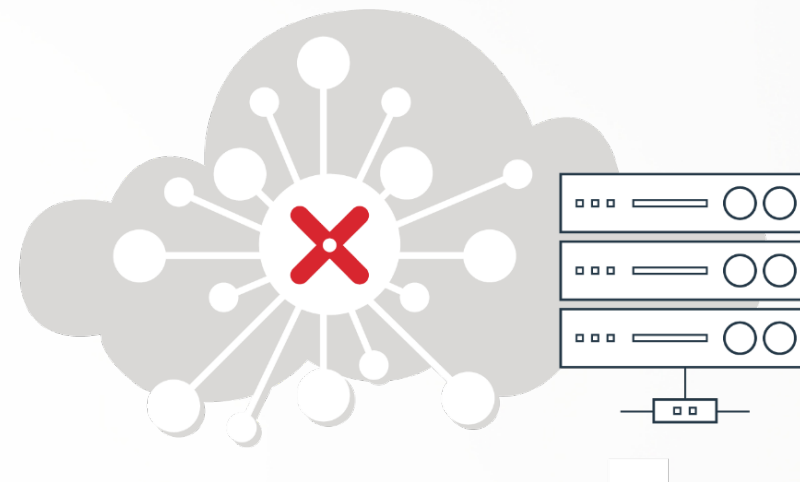
Target Call Taker Processing Time (s)

### Volume Adjustment



# CONCLUSION

- 9-1-1 disruptions come in all shapes and sizes
- The cloud helps overcome those disruptions
- Agencies across the United States are using the cloud to protect their 9-1-1 operations today
- The continued adoption of emerging standards and technology will add even more resiliency
- Data-driven insights are critical to keeping PSAP operations running smoothly



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# Q&A



# Thank You